

# Welcome

We are glad that you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center for information on our ministries and visit us online at [firstumc.org](http://firstumc.org). When you're ready, we invite you to **Explore First** to learn more about the life of the church and how to get involved. To find out when you can **Explore First** or for information on how to become a member, contact Diana (drussell@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

Sunday school takes place at 9:30am.

## Children

(On the ground floor of the C building)

Crib room	C-002
Toddlers	C-001
Two-year-olds	C-006
Three-year-olds	C-008
Four-year-olds	C-010

(On the first floor of the C building)

Kindergarten	C-111
First grade	C-110
Second grade	C-102
Third grade	C-105
Fourth grade	C-107
Fifth grade	C-106

## Youth

6th-12th grade	F-1
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## Adults

(On the second floor of the C building)

BYKOTA Class	C-207
Genesis Class	C-202
Koinonia Class	C-205
Searchers Class	C-206
Sendero Class	C-204
Storyline Class	C-201C
Vanguard Class	C-203
Homebuilders Class	Chapel

## Sunday Morning Childcare During Worship

Check in on the ground floor of the C building.

- **8:15am service:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001.
- **9:30am service or Sunday school:** provided for children six weeks through Pre-K 4. Infants & Toddlers are in C-001 and C-002, Nursery 2 is in C-006, Pre-K 3 is in Room C-008 and Pre-K 4 is in Room C-010.
- **11am and 11:20am services:** provided for children six weeks to four years old in C-001 and C-002.

## Nursing Room: C-013

Worship service activity bags for children are in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Lobby of the Fellowship Center. Ask an usher for assistance locating them!

The purpose of First United Methodist is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We strive to accomplish this by being a **worship plus three church.**



Worship plus three is how we define our ministries. We believe **worship** is of prime importance and is our foundation. In addition, we are to **invite** others into a relationship with God, **grow** in our own relationship with God and our neighbor and **serve** others as a continued sign of God's work in our lives.

## Worship Times:

8:15 & 11am Traditional, Sanctuary  
 9:30 & 11:20am Contemporary,  
 Fellowship Center  
[firstumc.org](http://firstumc.org)  
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Rev. David McEntire, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Melissa Stump, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Andy Whitaker Smith, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Lee Lallance, Minister of Music & Fine Arts  
 Rev. Candace Lewis, District Superintendent  
 Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Area Bishop

## 8:15am & 11am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		David McEntire
PRELUDE	<i>Greensleeves/Purvis</i>	Elise Knoll
*CALL TO WORSHIP (please see below)		Melissa Stump
*HYMN 220	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889		Melissa Stump
*GLORIA PATRI		
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	<i>I Wonder as I Wander/Niles</i>	Diana Russell
PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
CHILDREN'S MOMENT		David McEntire
*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		
OFFERTORY	(8:15am) <i>In dulci júbilo/J.S. Bach</i> (11am) <i>Love Came Down as Christmas/Pote</i>	Elise Knoll Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY, 95		
SERMON	<i>Still No Room/John 1:1-5, 10-11</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
*HYMN 224	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	IN DULCI JUBILO
*BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith
*RESPONSE 219	<i>What Child is This (refrain only)</i>	GREENSLEEVES
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude sur un Noël/Bedard</i>	Elise Knoll

## 9:30am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHERING	<i>The Only Name</i>	
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS	<b>Please sign &amp; pass the registration pad.</b>	Waite Willis/David McEntire
CALL TO WORSHIP/LITANY	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>	
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain; No Matter What; From the Day</i>	
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING		Waite Willis
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		David McEntire
OFFERTORY	<i>Is There Room in Your Heart?</i>	Praise Band
SERMON	<i>Still No Room/John 1:1-5, 10-11</i>	Andy Whitaker Smith
CLOSING	<i>Sanctuary</i>	
BENEDICTION		Andy Whitaker Smith

## 11:20am Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Center)

GATHER TOGETHER		
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREET ONE ANOTHER		Melissa Stump
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jeremy Hearn
SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Come As You Are; Here Is Our King; Reckless Love</i>	
PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Melissa Stump
OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY	<i>Your Glory</i>	
SERMON	<i>Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing/Matthew 2:1-12</i>	Brett Foster
COMMUNION	<i>God With Us/Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Brett Foster

## Call to Worship (All Services)

LEADER: The Season of waiting is over.

**ALL: The Season of Christmas is here!**

LEADER: Christ is born into our world and into our lives.

**ALL: We celebrate and worship Emmanuel - God With Us!**

December 30, 2018

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First United Methodist

We are glad you joined us today! Whether you are a member or a guest, please take a moment to register your attendance on the registration pad before passing it on to your neighbor. Thank you for helping ensure our records are accurate.

## Worship Notes

### Acolytes and Crucifers:

8:15am: Jazmyn and TJ Weeks

11am: Abbey Wood

Fresh flowers are placed on our altars to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones or special occasions. If you would like to donate flowers contact Lea Ellen DeWitt (ldewitt@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

## Opportunities

**Our Jan JOY** (Just Older Youth) 55+ luncheon is Thu, Jan 10, at 11:30am in the Fellowship Center. \$10/person. RSVP to Lea Ellen DeWitt (ldewitt@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).

**Do you have hearing loss?** On Wed, Jan 16, during PHOENIX (5-6:15pm) you can find out here at the church. Central Florida Speech & Hearing will provide free screenings and information. Those who are eligible may be able to receive free hearing aids and cell phones.

**Begin the New Year with a heart of PEACE:** How can we change the world around us in a way that brings people together rather than causing more division? How do we first make sure our hearts are at peace so that we are a part of transforming the world?

You many feel anxiety as we approach the 2019 special Session of General Conference. Beginning Jan 20, Andy Whitaker Smith will lead a six-week Conversation Group on the Arbinger Institute book *The Anatomy of Peace*. We will look at ways to dialogue about realities that impact us and how we can affect change by building relationships and processing our own responses. Following the study, we will explore ways to impact our community through a heart and lens of peace.

Before discussing the book, Pastor Andy invites those interested to join him for open conversation about how we process our own views and beliefs in times of tension. The hope is to get to know one another before beginning the journey. Join in the discussion on Sun, Jan, 13 at 5:15pm in C-201C.

**Join us for Watch Night Services on Mon, Dec 31, at 7 and 11pm in the Chapel.**

The Watch Night Service is John Wesley's Covenant service that includes Holy Communion. The Wesley Covenant is the reaffirmation of our promise to follow Jesus. Join us for a time of contemplation, renewal and worship as we close out the year and enter a new one.

**Groups, Studies and Classes for the New Year!** Visit [firstumc.org/adults](http://firstumc.org/adults) for more information on these opportunities.

**PHOENIX Dinner will resume on Wed, Jan 9.** We will not have dinner or classes on Jan 2.

**Sun evenings beginning Jan 13:**

- *The Way of Prayer:* Experience different forms of prayer practices and various dimensions of God's grace and love. Prayer is explored through a variety of modes like music, dance, gazing, silence, or acts of service.
- *Serving from the Heart:* Discover how to meet the challenges ahead by discovering your gifts and talents now. You will complete a profile of your unique traits, all adding up to an enhanced capacity to serve God and neighbor.

**Wed evenings beginning Jan 16:**

- *A Disciple's Path:* Learn about Methodism through spiritual practices designed to help you better love God and others.
- *Simon Peter:* Study Adam Hamilton's new book on an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call.
- *The Daniel Plan:* Learn simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your life on a daily basis. Areas explored are faith, food, fitness, focus and friends. The first session is a free information session. Come check it out!

**Sun evenings beginning Jan 20:**

*Bible Basics:* Learn basic themes, histories, personalities, and meanings of the Bible as you discover tools and resources to deepen your understanding of Scripture.

**Wed evenings beginning Feb 6:**

*Financial Peace University:* Dave Ramsey's popular and practical course shows you baby steps to take to be in control of your money and your future.

Visit [firstumc.org/adults](http://firstumc.org/adults) for more information or to register.

Church Offices will be closed on Jan 1.

**Westminster Concert Bell Choir:** Tue, Jan 22, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Don't miss seeing this renowned ensemble perform on the largest range of handbells in the world. This group has appeared on several holiday broadcasts on television. Under the direction of Kathleen Ebling Shaw, they continue to amaze and excite audiences all over the United States. Tickets are \$5/person, available in "Our Giving Tree" Bookstore and Gift Shop or at the door.

**Our Brain Fitness Club begins in Jan 2019:**

This program, designed for early memory loss patients, will help them learn healthy brain activities and lifestyle adaptations. Contact Vicki Pitner (vpitner@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163) for more information.

**We want everyone included in our Church Directory - including winter visitors.** Visit [firstumc.org/directory](http://firstumc.org/directory) now to schedule a session from Jan 29 to Feb 2. Appointments can be made at tables on Sun mornings starting Jan 13. Everyone receives a \$10 off coupon and seniors (60+), military and first responders are eligible for another 20% off.

## Children

**Sunday School at 9:30am:**

- Nursery 2 through fourth grade: Simeon and Anna had waited a long time for the Messiah. Luke 2:28-30, 38
- Fifth grade: The spiritual elders bless Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Luke 22.

**Tonight:** No program

**Mon:** No Pray and Play

**Tue:** New Years, offices closed

**Wed:** No dinner or classes.

Contact Cristi Moore with questions (cmoore@firstumc.org or 863-682-1912).

## Youth

**Sunday Morning Bible Study (sixth-twelfth grades) at 9:30am in F-1:** Join us for in-depth study and discussion.

**Tonight:** No program

**Wed Night:** No program

**Mon, Jan 7:** 7pm, Youth Council Meeting in F-1

**Tue, Jan 8:** Spring/Summer Parent Meeting in F-1

## Missions

**Our Church Council voted to commit to a three year fundraising project to support ministries in Lakeland, Cuba and Haiti.**

The Lakeland project is a partnership with several churches to build a new triplex at the Lakeland Salvation Army Center of Hope. Our portion is \$25,000. In Cuba we want to finish the Education Building for our sister church, Tabernáculo de la Unción in Camaguey, and the goal is \$25,000. In Haiti we have a goal of \$12,500 for clean water wells, solar batteries for New Hope Hospital and funding for 10-20 Micro Credit Loans in Cap-Haïtien. You will find small white churches in the entry areas each Sunday where you can share your gift towards these projects.

**kidsPACK USA Meal Assembly:** Instead of the first Wednesday of the month, our meal assembly for kidsPACK USA will take place on Jan 9 at 4pm in the Welcome Center. The change in date is for Jan only. See you then!

**College students and young adults:**

Our church will send a team to serve with Costa Rica Mission Projects ([costaricamissionprojects.com](http://costaricamissionprojects.com)) June 15-22. Contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163) for more information.

**Beginning Jan 8:** The Missions Area will publish a monthly email newsletter on the second Tue of each month. Keep an eye out for this new addition to First United Methodist communications.

**Mission Fair on Feb 10:** Make plans now to attend the Missions Fair on the second floor of the C Building (where the Welcome Center is located) from 9am - 1pm. Representatives from some of our key mission ministries will be there to tell you more about hands-on opportunities to serve.

**Volunteers In Service to the Elderly (VISTE):** drivers are needed to deliver hot meals to clients unable to prepare food themselves. Pick up a meal and address at First Presbyterian Church from 10-11am Tue and Thu. Visit the VISTE website to complete an application: ([www.viste.org](http://www.viste.org)). Contact Forrest White (fwhite@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163) for more information.

**Today is our Fifth Sunday offering to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.** The Home was established in 1908 to provide a home for orphans and other children that had nowhere else to live. Today it serves as a diverse ministry with two campuses that include residential, therapeutic group, foster and emergency shelter care. Use the envelope provided for your generous donations. Place the envelope in the Offering Plate.



## Prayers, Presence, Gifts

The First United Methodist prayer line is available 24/7. Call 863-686-3163 x\*652 and leave your request. The prayer line is regularly checked by our intercessors and your request will be prayed for. (Please note: you must enter the \* before the extension). You may also submit a confidential prayer request on our website at [firstumc.org](http://firstumc.org).

### Gifts

Needed Each Sunday: \$ 69,357  
Received on Dec 16: \$ 59,392  
Received to Date: \$ 3,232,736

### Electronic Donations

VIA QR CODE: Scan the code with your phone's QR Reader and follow directions.

VIA TEXT: Text the amount you would like to give to 863-617-7899. Make sure to include a "\$" before the amount and follow instructions.



For more information on electronic giving, please contact Harriet Mayes (hmayes@firstumc.org or 863-686-3163).